to determine the criteria for appointment of auditors and for strengthening the Concurrent Audit System.

चुनावों संबंधी आदर्श आचार संहिता को वैधानिक स्वीकृति

413. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार चुनावों संबंधी आदर्श आचार संहिता को वैधानिक स्वीकृति देने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रमाकांत डी० खलप): (क) से (ग) राजनैतिक दलों और अभ्यर्थियों के मार्गदर्शन के लिए आदर्श आचार संहिता के भाग 7 में अंतर्विष्ट उपबंधों को कानूनी समर्थन दिए जाने का प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है, किन्तु इस विषय में अभी कोई विनिश्चय नहीं किया गया है।

Bids to purchase medium capacity long range aircraft by Air India

414. DR. MOHAN BABU:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether bids to purchase medium capacity long range aircraft by Air India to augment its fleet has been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when they would be finalised to compete with other International Airways?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The aircraft under consideration are A-340-300 manufactured by Airbus Industries, B-777 by Boeing Airplane Company and MD-11 by Mc-Donnel Douglas Corporation. The proposal is at present under consideration of a Subcommittee of the Board of Air India. It is not possible to indicate any timeframe within which final decision is likely to be taken.

Steps to end strike in Safdarjung Hospital

415. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the month long indefinite strike by the Safdarjung Karamcharis/ Staff has severely affected the services in the hospital;

(b) whether cleanliness in the hospital has been the biggest casualty of the agitation when more than 321 persons have already died due to Dengue in the capital;

(c) what are the chances of ending strike even after imposition of the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) by Government; and

(d) the present status of the strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The hospital services were effected to some extent.

(b) Cleanliness in the hospital was satisfactory except in certain areas and necessary steps had been taken to keep the hospital premises clean and tidy.

(c) and (d) Strike has been called off w.e.f. 15.11.1996.

Rise of Tuberculosis in Gujarat

416. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TB cases are on the rise in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that District TB programme is being implemented in many districts of the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to control TB in the State of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) 24 District Tuberculosis Centres (DTCs) have been established in all the 19 districts of the State. These DTCs are equipped with the laboratory and X-ray units for diagnosis and are giving short-Course Chemotherapy treatment to TB patients. Free treatment is provided to all TB patients at these centres.

(e) The Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme with and objective of having a cure rate of 85% is proposed to be introduced in the entire Stare in phases with assistance from World Bank.

मध्य प्रदेश में आयकर विभाग द्वारा छापे मारा जाना

417. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1996 में आयकर विभाग द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश और देश के शेष भागों में कुल कितनी संस्थाओं पर छापे मारे गए तथा उनका अलग-अलग ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) उन संस्थाओं के नाम और पते क्या-क्या हैं जिनके द्वारा एक करोड़ रुपए से भी अधिक की आय छिपाए जाने का अनुमान है; और

(ग) उपर्युक्त (ख) में उल्लिखित प्रत्येक संस्था से कितने-कितने मूल्य की संपत्तियां जब्त की गई?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम): (क) से (ग) आयकर विभाग द्वारा संस्थावार ब्यौरे नहीं रखे जाते हैं। परन्तु, वर्ष 1996 (जनवरी से अक्तूबर, 1996) के दौरान आयकर विभाग द्वारा 3344 तलाशी वारन्ट निष्पादित किये गये थे जिनके परिणामस्वरूप 37573.12 लाख रुपये की परिसम्पत्तियां पकड़ी गई थीं।

Health risks from vaccines

418. DR. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Immunology is engaged in research for the development of immunological contraceptives;

(b) if so, whether the research is funded by international organisations;

(c) if so, whether health risks to women through such vaccines have been investigated; and

(d) whether women's organisation have been consulted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Clinical trials in humans were preceded by extensive toxicological studies in monkeys. Multicentric Phase-I (Safety trials) in India with a prototype vaccine established the lack of side effects and reversable nature of the vaccine.

(d) All mandatory approvals of the regulatory agencies and respective institutional Ethical Committees were obtained before the trials were conducted by experienced and eminent Gynaecologists and Obstetricians.

Lok Adalat Meet

419. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 183 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd July, 1996 and state that whether during the recent 50th Lok Adalat Meet, the Prime Minister had stressed the need to the poor to get their cases solved through Lok Adalats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): While inaugurating the 50th Lok Adalat organised by National Legal Services Authority and the Delhi Legal Services Authority on 2.10.1996, the Prime Minister had expressed the hope that the Lok Adalats would become a tool of rendering effective and inexpensive justice to the people particularly the poor and weaker sections of society.